

**215.67****Breastfeeding Data Collection****Overview**


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<b>Policy</b>	Breastfeeding status must be updated in the data system at every contact with the infant or the infant's mother until breastfeeding is terminated or the infant/child leaves the program. This includes health updates, nutrition appointments, subsequent certifications, and any other contacts.
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<b>Breastfeeding history</b>	Breastfeeding data is required for all infants certified up to 24 months of age. This data is used for surveillance reporting systems to capture ever breastfed; duration of exclusive breastfeeding; age at first introduction to something other than breast milk, vitamins, minerals and/or medications; and duration of any breastfeeding.
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<b>Introduction</b>	The breastfeeding status definitions can also be viewed in the data system by viewing the Help - User Help functionality.
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<b>Definitions</b>	The definitions in the following table should be used to describe the amount of breastfeeding that is occurring with the infant(s).

<b>Breastfeeding Status</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Fully or Exclusively Breastfeeding</b>	
Exclusively Breastfeeding (No food package from WIC)	Has been fed <b><u>only</u></b> human milk, vitamins, minerals, and/or medications.
Primarily Exclusive/No Formula Package (No food package from WIC)	Has been fed something other than human milk, vitamins, minerals, and/or medications on <b><u>rare occasions</u></b> or has received a one-time feeding of infant formula, human milk fortifier, cow's milk, juice, sugar water, water, rehydration solution, baby food, or anything else.  This description identifies an infant whose exclusive breastfeeding is interrupted because of special circumstances, such as acute illness, hospitalization or caregiver misinformation.

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## Breastfeeding Data Collection, Continued

### Definitions, continued

Breastfeeding Status	Definition
Primarily Exclusive/Complementary Foods	Has been fed any complementary foods in addition to only being fed human milk, vitamins, minerals, and/or medications. These complementary foods are provided on a routine or ongoing basis regardless of the amount.  The infant receives age-appropriate food packages from WIC with no WIC formula.
<b>Partially Breastfeeding</b>	
Partially Breastfeeding	The infant is breastfeeding and receiving formula. May also be fed complementary foods.  The infant receives a WIC food package that includes formula and may include WIC foods.  Human milk fortifier is considered a formula and infants routinely receiving it must be defined as Partially (Mostly) Breastfeeding. Once the human milk fortifier is discontinued, then the infant may be classified as Fully Breastfeeding, if the appropriate definition is met.
<b>Not Breastfeeding</b>	
No Longer Breastfeeding	Was breastfeeding at some point in time, but has now discontinued.
Never Breastfed	Was never breastfed.
<b>Child</b>	
Breastfeeding Child	Greater than or equal to 12 months of age and continuing to breastfeed.

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## Breastfeeding Data Collection, Continued

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### Definitions

The following definitions should be used when answering the interview question, “What besides breast milk has he/she received?”

- Nothing
    - The infant has not been fed anything other than human milk, vitamins, minerals, and/or medications.
  - Something else rarely
    - The infant has been fed something other than human milk, vitamins, minerals, and/or medications.
  - Something else regular basis
    - The infant is breastfeeding and receiving something other than breast milk, vitamins, minerals, and/or medications (including formula, cereal) on a regular basis.
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